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PATENT APPLICATION

I THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Eiko MASATSUJI, et al.

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Examiner: Vickie Y. Kim

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have been informed by the Examiner for the above-identified case on December 16, 2005, that the finality of the Office Action dated June 16, 2005, was withdrawn and a new Office Action was issued on December 15, 2005. Therefore, Applicants do not believe that a petition is required for the above-identified application. However, since Applicants have not received a new Action, in order to maintain pendency of the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of June 16, 2005 from September 16, 2005 to December 16, 2005, if necessary.

If necessary, please charge the statutory fee of \$1020.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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